Steps to boost Punjab's economy

2471. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Punjab, Haryana and Delhi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) has suggested some short term as well as long term action plans to rejuvenate the economic health of Punjab;

(b) if so, whether the Central Government have since considered the suggestions of the PHDCCI;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what other steps Government propose to take to boost Punjab's economy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The annual Plan for 1988-89 under implementation in Punjab has an outlay of Rs. 700 crores. In view of the extraordinary situation prevailing in Punjab, special Central assistance is being given to the State Government for funding the annual plan outlay. Various other steps have been taken for the economic development of Punjab including extension of concessions and facilities by the banks for increasing the flow of credit to the State.

Assistance to Haryana to check terrorism

2472. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what assistance has so far been given by the Central Government to the Haryana Government to check terrorism in the State;

(b) how many companies of CRPF and BSF have been deployed in the State as against the demand by the Haryana Government;

(c) how many automatic arms have so far been provided as against the requirement of the State Government; and

(d) what are the reasons for discrimination if any in the Central assistance between Punjab and Haryana for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Assistance was given to Haryana Government by way of deployment of CRPF, BSF and other State Government. Armed Police, by provision of arms and ammunition and by sanction of Rs. 50 lakhs as against the annual allocation of Rs. 27.19 lakhs under the Scheme of Modernisation of State Police Forces.

(b) and (c) From the security point of view it will not be in the public interest to divulge the quantum of force and number of arms and ammunition given to Haryana.

(d) The question of any discrimination in the Central assistance to Punjab and to Haryana does arise as there is considerable difference between the situation prevailing in Punajb and that in Haryana.

Loans advanced by NABARD

2473. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the interest rate for crop loans by NABARD;

(b) what is the total finance so far extended to the Indian farmers through NABARD as crop loans; and

(c) how much crop loan has so far been extended to Maharashtra by NABARD?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House to the extent possible.

Pension for freedom fighters

2474. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many freedom fighters are getting pension from the Centre;

(b) how many of them are from Marathwada, Telangana and parts of Karnataka;

(c) how many cases of freedom fighters from old Hyderabad State have been rejected by the Central Government; and

(d) what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (d) As on 30th June, 1988, 145257 persons have been sanctioned freedom fighters pension. No region-wise list is maintained.

Import of cotton

2475. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Cotton Mills Federation has urged Government to import cotton without further deley;

(b) whether the production of cotton was not upto the expectation last year;

(c) whether the prices of cotton in the market is going up; and

(d) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) A representation from ICMF was received regarding import of cotton.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) As a result of various steps taken by the Government such as suspension of staple cotton exports, allowing import of cotton on Advance Licensing basis against exports of cotton textiles, etc., prices of cotton have not shown an upward trend since February 1988.

Dharna against textile policy

2476. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the hundreds of textile workers from all over the country staged a day long dharna outside the office of Textile Ministry at Udyog Bhawan on 2nd June, 1988 to protest against the textile policy.

(b) whether a memorandum was also submitted by them;

(c) if so, what are the details of the memorandum; and

(d) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) to (d) The facts are being verified and the requisite information will be placed on the Table of the House.

पंजाब समझौता

2477. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पंजाब समझौते के कार्यान्वयन के संबंध में वर्तमान स्थिति क्या है और इस संबंध में अब तक की गई प्रगति का ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ख) इस समझौते को क्रियान्वित करने में सरकार को किन-किन कठिनाइयों का सामना करना पड़ रहा है ?

कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत और पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी. चिदम्बरम) :

(क) और (ख) समझौते के अपने को 11 मदों में से 8 मदें पहले ही कार्यान्वित की जा चुकी हैं और शेष 3 मदों को कार्यान्वित करने के प्रयास किए जा रहे हैं ?